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PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEKIN, ILLINOIS,
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL
111 SOUTH CAPITOL STREET
ON MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2014 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
LAURIE L. BARRA * MAYOR * PRESIDING

PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, ABEL, GILLESPIE, GOLDEN, ORRICK, HENDRICKS AND BARRA

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER MCCABE

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The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Mayor Barra.

Roll was called. All members were physically present except Council Member McCabe. A quorum was present.

AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Gillespie that the **agenda be approved as presented**. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

MINUTES

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Hendricks that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of April 14, 2014 be approved as written.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Robert Bramham, 2108 Velde Drive, addressed the Council regarding the discussion of unrepresented City Employees pay increases, Wastewater Treatment Plant modular office, and a handicapped space at Rotary Park. Mr. Bramham stated wages were too high for employees. He felt the office was an unnecessary expense. Mr. Bramham's input on amending the traffic code for ADA assessable parking was that it was out time the space was designated.

Janet Nelms, 1604 Memorial Drive, addressed the Council regarding pay increases. Mrs. Nelms felt employees could not be living paycheck to paycheck from the salaries reported.

Sally Johnson, 1503 N. 13th Street, also addressed the Council regarding pay increases. She questioned where the City would get the money to pay increases. She felt employees were overpaid and wages should be frozen. Ms. Johnson stated that 48 hours was not sufficient time for the public to receive a copy of the Council Agenda.

Ann Witzig, 11501 Antioch Road Tremont, stated she agreed with most of the statements made previous to her. She felt performance was the key to pay increases.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Orrick that the **CONSENT AGENDA be approved as presented.** The following was presented for consideration of the Consent Agenda items by Omnibus Vote.

7.1 Receive and File Monthly Reports: Police Department March Report, Traffic Safety Committee Minutes April 4, 2014, Tazewell County Animal Control March Report	
7.2 Proclamations:	"Dragon Pride Week" April 27-May 3, 2014
"Comcast Cares" April 26, 2014	"Day of Action Preparedness" April 30, 2014
"National Youth Week" May 1 – May 7, 2013	"Motorcycle Awareness Month" May 2014
"Municipal Clerks Week" May 4-10, 2014	"AMBUCS Charity Auction Day" May 2, 2014
"Public Safety Month" May 2014	"National Travel and Tourism Week" May 3-11, 2014

On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS
PEKIN HIGH SCHOOL ART PROJECT PRESENTATION BY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Community Development Director Pamela Anderson informed the Council that the HRC committee originally discussed a project to paint murals to detour graffiti in 2012 but focused changed with the contact made with Pekin Community High School Art Department students. She introduced Lynn Johnson, Melinda Figge, and Amy Psinus and the students responsible for the design and creation of the project entitled "Come Together." The art project was an effort to bring an increased public awareness on the City of Pekin's position respecting diversity, equality and human rights.

NEW BUSINESS
Motion by Council Member Golden, seconded by Council Member Abel that the **AGREEMENT WITH MIDWEST ENGINEERING, INC. in the amount of $11,000.00 for the preparation of plans and bidding documents for the reconstruction of two separate sections of Broadway Road be approved.** City Manager Joseph Wuellner informed the Council of 2 areas of Broadway Road, Veterans Drive and 8th and Court Streets, needed to be removed and replaced due to deterioration of the pavement and base failure. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE No. 1462-A333-13/14
AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 4, SECTION 3 F. OF THE TRAFFIC CODE
OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995
REGARDING HANDICAPPED SPACES

Motion by Council Member Hendricks, seconded by Council Member Gillespie that Ordinance No. 1462-A333-13/14 be adopted. The Traffic Safety Committee recommendation was presented to the Council. The designated handicapped stall would be on the north side of State Street just west of the driveway leading in front of the Rotary Park shelter on State. Discussion followed. Council Member Golden, referring to a 1992 and 2012 report regarding the driveway to the Pekin Park District's shelter, spoke of the service drive access being too steep. He questioned placing the parking space in a location to an inaccessible ramp. Council Member Golden was informed that the drive was not City of Pekin property. The City Manager would inform the Park District of the Council Member's concerns. On roll call vote, Ayes, Golden, Orrick, Abel, Hendricks, and Barra; Nay, Gillespie. Motion Carried.

Motion by Council Member Orrick, seconded by Council Member Abel that the **bid in the amount of $82,940.00 for the WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT MODULAR BUILDING be approved and the contract awarded to INNOVATIVE MODULAR SOLUTIONS, INC.** Council was asked to approve a sales agreement to allow for the manufacture and installation of a new office to replace the existing office damaged by last year's flood at the plant. The office would be relocated to the north side of the plant above the flood elevation. Council Member Golden presented several questions concerning details of the terms and conditions stated in the sales agreement. He expressed concerns on what defined "final" completion. He suggested making changes to the agreement. City to confirm that warranty begins when substantial completion is achieved. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Orrick, seconded by Council Member Hendricks that the **bid in the amount of $90, 117.00 for the SERVICE AGREEMENT to provide collection and assessment of traffic signs and street infrastructure be approved and the contract awarded to CARTEGRAPH SYSTEMS, INC.** The Council was advised that the agreement would provide services to collect street level panoramic imagery and create geo-referenced database of regulatory street signs. The collected data and software license would allow the City to update existing data bases such as lights, catch basins, hydrants and other assets. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

DISCUSSION PAY INCREASE OF 1.8% FOR UNREPRESENTED CITY EMPLOYEES based on performance evaluation. Council Member Orrick presented his request to discuss pay increases. He stated he was aware that 3% had been budgeted for all employees and knew the City was contractual responsible to pay the terms of union agreements. He noted sales taxes were decreasing and expenses increasing. He recommended that next fall the Council begin discussing a decrease in the budget preparation of salaries for unrepresented employees. He suggested CPI or 3% whichever was less. Council Member Golden favored 0% and all salaries be performance based. Council Member Gillespie was not supportive of the suggestions. He felt while most employees had union protection of salaries, punishing the few unrepresented employees with lesser amounts destroys morale. He also felt all evaluations were subjective. Council Member Gillespie recommended talks begin at the union level not balancing a budget on the backs of non-union employees. Council Member Hendricks stated he agreed with Council Member Orrick. Mayor Barra did not favor merit pay. In summary she stated discussion would continue in the fall as requested.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

City Manager Joseph Wuellner reported back to Council that through the City' Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) the City invested $860,000.00 in completed projects for sidewalks and ramps. Council Member Golden questioned addressing his additional concern why all state route intersections were not code compliant.

City Engineer Michael Guerra advised the Council that closure of VFW Road from 5th to the railroad tracks was postponed until further notice due to forecasted wet weather and railroad permit delays. The contractor would continue earthwork on the storm retention area near Route 29 and installing storm lines.

Council Member Golden brought to staff's attention a complaint he had received from a citizen with concerns that Tazewell County Animal Control did not always answer their phones and when reached was told to try to catch the dog running at large. Mayor Barra responded that the complaint would be looked into.

On behalf of the City Council, Mayor Barra expressed condolences to David Hess in the loss of his wife. She also extended a hello to Bill Martin at the John Evens facility.

The follow public members addressed the Council:
Janet Nelms, 1604 Memorial Drive, spoke in disapproval of some Council Members and the City Manager not being able to answer questions asked by the Council.
Sally Johnson, 1503 N. 13th Street, expressed concern that the Council agendas were not available to the public soon enough for the public to research the information. City Clerk Sue McMillan reiterated that the Council receives the draft agenda 10 days prior to the meetings and the final agenda and meeting documents were available to the public 5 days prior to the meetings.
Ron Hawkins, Cincinnati Township Road Commission, stated the township and City have had great cooperation through the years. He expressed his concern that damage to Red Shale Hill Road was mostly the result of excess traffic due to closure of VFW Road, extending the closure into winter, and truck traffic not using the correct detour. Mayor Barra assured Mr. Hawkins that the City would meet to discuss the concerns. Mr. Hawkins extended an invitation to the Council Members to attend the Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee Meetings.
Robert Bramham, 2108 Velde Drive, expressed his opinion on the warranty for the purchase of the modular office. He felt the Council rubber stamped all wages.
Ann Witzig, 1501 Antioch Road Tremont, stated when questions were asked staff should know the answers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Council Member Gillespie, seconded by Council Member Orrick that the Council move to Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. to discuss 65 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2.) Collective Bargaining and (6.) Lease of Municipally Owned Property and (1.) Personnel be approved. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

No further business to come before the Council, motion by Council Member Gillespie, seconded by Council Member Orrick that Council adjourn. Motion carried voice vote. Mayor Barra adjourned the meeting in open session.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:35 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk